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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2003. Applicants hereby request a one month extension of time to reply to this action from November 18, 2003 to December 18, 2003. Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the fees associated with the request for the extension. Please amend the application as follows.

The Amendments to the Claims begins on Page 2 of this paper.

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